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## REMARKS

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 17-24 and 46-57 are pending and under consideration. Claims 1-16, 25-32, and 41-45 were canceled by previous amendment. Claims 33-40 were cancelled by this amendment; in cancelling this subject matter from this application, applicants are not conceding the propriety of any rejection made in the January 20, 2004 Office action and applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue the remaining subject matter through one or more continuation applications.

The pending claims are amended herein to conform to the requirements of Group I of Paper No. 19 (Election Requirement), mailed June 27, 2003.

### **I. 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph Rejection**

Reconsideration is requested of the rejection of claim 24 for recitation of "6-amidocarbonylhexyl" in the definition of B as lacking antecedent basis. Without conceding the propriety of this rejection, and in the interests of expedient prosecution, applicants have amended claim 24 by deleting the two species that recite the term "6-amidocarbonylhexyl". Further, the amidocarbonyl groups have been cancelled from the B substituents in claims 18, 19, 21, 22, and 23. Accordingly, the basis for this rejection has been removed.

### **II. Claim Objections**

Reconsideration is requested of the objection of claims 46-57 as improper for depending from a withdrawn claim. As amended, claims 46-57 depend solely from claims currently pending in this application. Accordingly, the basis for this rejection has been removed.

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### **III. Allowable Subject Matter**

According to the Office, claims 17-23 (in part) are allowable. Applicants have amended claims 17-23 herein to conform to the election made in the Response to Restriction Requirement dated August 4, 2003 (Group I). Accordingly, claims 17-24 are amended to require Q or R<sup>2</sup> be aryl, Z<sup>0</sup> be a bond, and Y<sup>0</sup> be phenyl or pyridyl. Applicants believe claims 17-23 are now fully in order for acceptance.

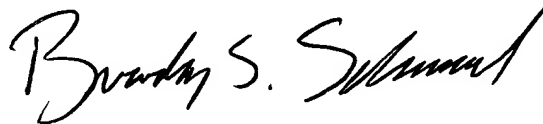
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### CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, applicants request entry of the claim amendments and withdrawal of all claim rejections and objections, and solicit an allowance of the claims. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney should any issue remain unresolved.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any under payment or credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. 19-1345.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Bradley S. Schammel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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